

Chalfonte Apartments

8643-55 East Jefferson and 915 Fischer.

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915 Fischer



Historic overview:

The Chalfonte Apartments is a three-story complex of buildings built in 1911. The Hart brothers, William and John built two buildings along 8643-55 East Jefferson for \$30,000 and the Annex at 915 Fischer for \$12,000. The building along East Jefferson originally contained 22 units when built. The majority of early tenants were working class people and widows. The apartment was popular because of its accessibility to the Jefferson Avenue transit line and beautiful views of the Detroit River and Belle Isle. Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, built directly next door to the west in 1926, and gained ownership of the building in 1969.

The building is said to have a unique contrasting mix of Baroque and Arts and Crafts detail. A mix of simplistic and ornate details. The two attached buildings along East Jefferson are identical. The building along Fischer is free standing and of the same design but of simpler detail. The buildings are three stories tall and built of red-brown brick with gray mortar and cast stone trimming.